

## House Resolution 1609

By: Representative Smith of the 113<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the life and legacy of Dr. Gilbert F. Shearron; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Gilbert F. Shearron was born on May 4, 1929, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee,  
4 and dedicated his life to challenging students as an educator and setting ground-breaking  
5 standards for the field of education; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Shearron earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Middle Tennessee  
7 State University and a doctoral degree in education from George Peabody College for  
8 Teachers; and

9 WHEREAS, he served as a seventh and eighth grade teacher at Murfreesboro City Schools  
10 before he accepted the position as principal for elementary education, where he earned  
11 recognition as Elementary Principal of the Year for Tennessee and Croft Publications  
12 National Elementary Principal of the Year; and

13 WHEREAS, after completion of his doctorate, Dr. Shearron served for a year as Assistant  
14 Director of Regional Program Development and Implementation for the Central Midwestern  
15 Regional Education Laboratory; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1968, Dr. Shearron joined the University of Georgia's Department of  
17 Curriculum and Instruction and was named chair of the newly formed Department of  
18 Elementary Education, where he made enduring and significant contributions to the  
19 educational program at the University of Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, he served as chairman of Elementary Education and Project Manager for the  
21 Competency Based Teacher Education (CBTE) Project, winning national recognition for the  
22 University and the College; and

23 WHEREAS, a visionary in the field of education, Dr. Shearron implemented a  
24 ground-breaking program while at the University, which paired a college instructor at  
25 Georgia with a local public school to provide educational services and serve as support for  
26 the University's student teachers assigned to that specific school; and

27 WHEREAS, public schools in the Athens areas embraced Dr. Shearron's program and it was  
28 an excellent attempt to build a partnership between schools and universities to provide the  
29 best education at both levels; and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. Shearron was united in love and marriage to the late Elizabeth "Libby"  
31 Leuthold Shearron and was blessed with three remarkable daughters, Laura, Betsy, and  
32 Mary; and

33 WHEREAS, during his ten years with the University of Georgia, Dr. Shearron gave form and  
34 direction to the area of elementary education in the College of Education and served as a  
35 champion of public education in Georgia.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
37 the members of this body honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Gilbert F. Shearron and  
38 recognize the important influence he had upon education in this state.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Dr. Gilbert F. Shearron's  
41 daughters, Laura, Betsy, and Mary.